



DEADLINE

As night befalls Demeter City, Brogan and Haldane sit idle in the cruiser keeping a watchful eye over the metropolis. The calm is soon shattered when a sinister looking black space limo charges through a red traffic light. Haldane hits the siren and goes after the limo, but the limo keeps accelerating, blasting through heavy traffic with the cruiser right on its tail. Suddenly, the chase takes an unexpected turn. The underside of the limo opens like a bomb bay, and a long, cylindrical object (not unlike a cruise missile) drops down out of it. Right in front of Brogan's and Haldane's eyes, the cylinder's engine ignites and the vessel streaks off into the night. Determined to knock it off course, Brogan and Haldane sideswipe the cylinder, but the collision sends both vehicles down to the street below.

Brogan and Haldane walk towards the battered vehicle with great apprehension. And with good reason. Inside is a corpse - a corpse whose vital organs have been removed, including the liver and all three kidneys!

Cut to Paradise Street where we witness a classic pickpocketing scam in progress. Speedy, a 16 year old human, acts as the decoy, while his partner in crime, Wirt, an alien with four hands, picks the pocket of a wealthy passerby. What these two scam artists don't realize is that they are being observed by another pair of scam artists - Rik and Pike. Rik and Pike are playing a different game. They murder their victims and sell the vital organs to an unsuspecting physician, Dr. Paul Jorry. They are looking for their next "donor" and they have found him - Wirt!

On the other side of town Brogan and Haldane feverishly investigate all of Demeter City's clinics and hospitals including the one run by Doctor Jorry. Jorry's clinic appears to be quite respectable. His paperwork indicates that he has been receiving shipments of organs from a distant planet. Everything appears to be in order.

Later that night the same black limo that jettisoned the dead alien reappears. Quickly, Wirt is abducted by Rik and Pike, while Wirt's sidekick Speedy helplessly looks on. Speedy frantically calls the police, sending Brogan and Haldane once again in hot pursuit of the limo - and again, the limo shakes them. Wirt is transported to an "underground" medical facility, drugged again, and prepped for surgery. A call from Jorry interrupts Rik & Pike's pre-op duties. Jorry is very concerned about Brogan's sudden interest in his practice. Rik & Pike reassure Jorry that the organs he is receiving are from the victims of a mine accident on a distant planet. The operation proceeds.

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Frustrated at having lost sight of the limo a second time, Brogan and Haldane head for Demeter City's main export/import facility where they investigate the interplanetary shipping report. It indicates that a Dr. Paul Jorry imported several consignments of vital organs including, most recently *a liver and three kidneys* - which is *exactly what was missing from the body of that mystery alien they found in the space capsule!* However, with Jorry's paperwork remaining impeccable there's no way Brogan and Haldane can issue an arrest warrant...unless they can trick Jorry into tripping himself up.

Later that day, Jorry receives a call from a reporter at the Demeter City Times requesting an interview for an article she is writing on organ transplants. The reporter is actually Officer Jane Castle in disguise. Moments into the interview, Jane turns up the heat, accusing Jorry of using organs that are stolen from recently murdered citizens of Demeter City. Jorry is shocked and horrified by the accusation. He calls Rik & Pike at once, accusing them of treachery, but they are quick to point out that he is in too deep. If Rik & Pike go down, Jorry goes down too.

Rik & Pike prepare to go after their next donor. This time though, they need a human donor. They go after Speedy but his blood and tissue type don't match. Their disappointment is short-lived for they soon find a human who's tissue and blood are a perfect match - Brogan!

Brogan is abducted, taken to the surgical theater and strapped on the surgical gurney. Rik delights in informing Jorry that their human donor has been found. And Jorry is even more delighted when he learns that his donor is the cop who was nosing around his clinic. Brogan is completely awake on the table as Jorry walks towards him with a large injection device in his hand. In a shocking turnaround, Jorry sets Brogan free and lunges toward Rik with the needle. Rik pulls his gun, fires, hits Jorry in the shoulder, and flees.

Meanwhile, all this time, Jane and Haldane have been scouring the city desperately searching for Brogan. Their tracking device leads them to a shocking discovery. The "underground" surgical theater they have been looking for is actually floating above Demeter City - hidden within a dirigible - a floating blimp used for advertising. Jane and Haldane arrive just as Rik & Pike speed away in the limo. Rik & Pike don't know it yet, but this is to be the speeding black limo's final flight - one that will transform both the limo and the dirigible into a massive fireball.

LOG LINE

Someone is murdering the citizens of Demeter City and selling the vital organs to a physician for organ transplants. Lieutenant Brogan (Ted Shackelford) races against the clock to solve the mystery, unaware that he's about to become one of the donors.

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CAST

Lieutenant Patrick Brogan
Officer Jack Haldane
Officer Jane Castle
Sally Brogan
Matt
Liz
Podly
Romek
Orrin
Took
Fredo
Jorry
Speedy
Prosperous Creon & Handler
Wirt
Receptionist
Nurse

Ted Shackelford
Rob Youngblood
Simone Bendix
Nancy Paul
Nic Klein
Megan Olive
Jerome Willis
Lou Hirsch
Richard James
Mary Woodvine
David Quilter
Steven Berkoff
Truan Munro
Will Barton
Rob Thirtle
Alexa Rosewood
Leigh Tinker

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Co-Executive Producers

Director
Screenplay

Director of Photography
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